will be to promote employment opportunities for emigrants, project manpower services that India can offer in major labour markets abroad, collection and maintain statistics and information regarding persons seeking employment in various countries and related matters, administer the Indian Overseas Workers' Welfare Fund, maintain liaison with other export promotion agencies and recommend to the Central Government about standards and guidelines for overseas employment.

(c) and (d) The Emigration Act, 1983, regulates employment of Indian citizens in foreign countries on contractual basis and seeks to protect and safeguard the interest of the emigrant workers. Sporadic complaints are received with regard to cheating by unscrupulous agents abroad. Whenever such complaints are received, the concerned Indian Missions are requested to resolve the disputes of the aggrieved workers immediately with the help of the appropriate Government/Sponsors. Also, the local recruiting agents involved are directed to settle the dispute by taking up the matter with the foreign employer. In the event of non-compliance of directions by the recruiting agents, action is taken to suspend/cancel their registration certificates. Foreign sponsors who violate the terms of employment contracts are placed in the 'Prior Approval Category' (*i.e.* black-listed). In addition, Indian Missions provide all possible help to the workers in alien countries.

Computerization of Treasuries in Karnataka

*169. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he had announced in Bangalore that the Centre would finance the network portion of the project aimed at computerization of treasuries in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the Centre's share of the project would be released?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) The Government of Karnataka have been provided with financial assistance of Rs. 16 crores under the Eleventh Finance Commission Scheme for the upgradation of

infrastructure of the various Departments involved in fiscal administration (Revenue Earning Departments, Treasuries and Accounts Department) being administered by Ministry of Finance.

Development Reserve Fund for State-Level Reforms

*170. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to appoint an apex body to monitor the proposed Development Reserve Fund for State-Level Reforms in backward areas as a part of second generation reforms;

(b) if so, the areas which have since been identified for such projects; and

(c) the members of the proposed apex monitoring body?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir. A High Level Committee has been constituted on 19.7.2002 for the Development and Reform Facility (Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana) which is a new initiative introduced in the current years.

(b) Matter is still under consideration.

(c) Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission is the Chairman of the Committee. The Members of the Committee include Finance Minister, Minister of State for Planning, Chief Ministers of Bihar and Orissa, Members, Planning Commission and Secretary, Planning Commission as Member-Secretary.

Income of States

*171. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the States that had income below the national average income in urban areas that has come down in the year 2000 in comparison to last one decade;